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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended December

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 000-28304

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

33-0704889
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

3756 Central Avenue, Riverside, California 92506
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(951) 686-6060
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Title of class:	As of February 5, 2009
Common stock, \$ 0.01 par value, per share	6,208,519 shares

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition
(Unaudited)
Dollars in Thousands

	December 31, 2008	June 30, 2008
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 17,514	\$ 12,614
Federal funds sold	-	2,500
Cash and cash equivalents	17,514	15,114
Investment securities – available for sale, at fair value	144,931	153,102
Loans held for investment, net of allowance for loan losses of \$34,953 and \$19,898, respectively	1,265,404	1,368,137
Loans held for sale, at lower of cost or market	46,447	28,461
Accrued interest receivable	6,712	7,273
Real estate owned, net	11,115	9,355
Federal Home Loan Bank (“FHLB”) – San Francisco stock	32,929	32,125
Premises and equipment, net	6,687	6,513
Prepaid expenses and other assets	19,409	12,367
Total assets	\$ 1,551,148	\$ 1,632,447
Liabilities and Stockholders’ Equity		
Liabilities:		
Non interest-bearing deposits	\$ 40,297	\$ 48,056
Interest-bearing deposits	894,527	964,354
Total deposits	934,824	1,012,410
Borrowings	480,714	479,335
Accounts payable, accrued interest and other liabilities	17,756	16,722
Total liabilities	1,433,294	1,508,467
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders’ equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value (2,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding)	-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value (15,000,000 shares authorized; 12,435,865 and 12,435,865 shares issued, respectively; 6,208,519 and 6,207,719 shares outstanding, respectively)	124	124
Additional paid-in capital	74,943	75,164
Retained earnings	136,251	143,053
Treasury stock at cost (6,227,346 and 6,228,146 shares, respectively)	(93,930)	(94,798)
Unearned stock compensation	-	(102)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	466	539

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Total stockholders' equity	117,854	123,980
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,551,148	\$ 1,632,447

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Unaudited)
In Thousands, Except Per Share Information

	Quarter Ended December 31,		Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Interest income:				
Loans receivable, net	\$ 19,648	\$ 21,700	\$ 40,306	\$ 43,214
Investment securities	1,804	1,902	3,709	3,646
FHLB – San Francisco stock	(125)	432	324	901
Interest-earning deposits	9	5	10	14
Total interest income	21,336	24,039	44,349	47,775
Interest expense:				
Checking and money market deposits	302	499	632	924
Savings deposits	535	804	1,104	1,591
Time deposits	5,441	7,888	11,568	15,946
Borrowings	4,817	5,280	9,511	10,373
Total interest expense	11,095	14,471	22,815	28,834
Net interest income, before provision for loan losses	10,241	9,568	21,534	18,941
Provision for loan losses	16,536	2,140	22,268	3,659
Net interest (expense) income, after provision for loan losses	(6,295)	7,428	(734)	15,282
Non-interest income:				
Loan servicing and other fees	266	513	514	1,004
Gain on sale of loans, net	1,394	934	2,585	1,056
Deposit account fees	777	785	1,535	1,443
Gain on sale of investment securities	-	-	356	-
Loss on sale and operations of real estate owned				
acquired in the settlement of loans	(496)	(704)	(886)	(1,008)
Other	383	419	696	827
Total non-interest income	2,324	1,947	4,800	3,322
Non-interest expense:				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,525	4,522	9,150	9,646
Premises and occupancy	718	831	1,434	1,538
Equipment	397	391	757	791
Professional expenses	332	474	692	793
Sales and marketing expenses	119	130	300	303
	288	115	610	230

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Deposit insurance premiums and regulatory assessments				
Other	860	857	1,660	1,787
Total non-interest expense	7,239	7,320	14,603	15,088
(Loss) income before income taxes	(11,210)	2,055	(10,537)	3,516
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(4,699)	1,011	(4,355)	1,860
Net (loss) income	\$ (6,511)	\$ 1,044	\$ (6,182)	\$ 1,656
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.17	\$ (1.00)	\$ 0.27
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.17	\$ (1.00)	\$ 0.27
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.36

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(Unaudited)
Dollars in Thousands
For the Quarters Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Unearned Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	Total
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at October 1, 2008	6,208,519	\$ 124	\$ 74,635	\$ (93,930)	\$ (22)	\$ 622	\$ 124,501
Comprehensive loss:							
Net loss			(6,511)				(6,511)
Unrealized holding loss on securities available for sale, net of tax benefit of \$113						(156)	(156)
Total comprehensive loss							(6,667)
Amortization of restricted stock			113				113
Stock options expense			186				186
Allocations of contribution to ESOP (1)			9		22		31
Cash dividends				(310)			(310)
Balance at December 31, 2008	6,208,519	\$ 124	\$ 74,943	\$ (93,930)	\$ -	\$ 466	\$ 117,854

(1) Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP").

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Unearned Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	Total
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at October 1, 2007	6,232,803	\$ 124	\$ 73,627	\$ (94,097)	\$ (358)	\$ 1,017	\$ 125,972

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Comprehensive income:							
Net income				1,044			1,044
Unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale, net of tax expense of \$197						273	273
Total comprehensive income							1,317
Purchase of treasury stock	(36,369)				(700)		(700)
Amortization of restricted stock		63					63
Stock options expense		136					136
Allocations of contribution to ESOP		354				97	451
Cash dividends				(1,116)			(1,116)
Balance at December 31, 2007	6,196,434	\$ 124	\$ 74,180	\$ 145,587	\$ (94,797)	\$ (261)	\$ 1,290
							\$ 126,123

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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity
(Unaudited)
Dollars in Thousands
For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Unearned Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	Total
	Shares	Amount	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at July 1, 2008	6,207,719	\$ 124	\$ 75,164	\$ (94,798)	\$ (102)	\$ 539	\$ 123,980
Comprehensive loss:							
Net loss			(6,182)				(6,182)
Unrealized holding loss on securities available for sale, net of tax benefit of \$53						(73)	(73)
Total comprehensive loss							(6,255)
Distribution of restricted stock	800						-
Amortization of restricted stock			208				208
Awards of restricted stock			(868)	868			-
Stock options expense			369				369
Allocations of contribution to ESOP			70		102		172
Cash dividends				(620)			(620)
Balance at December 31, 2008	6,208,519	\$ 124	\$ 74,943	\$ (93,930)	\$ -	\$ 466	\$ 117,854

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Unearned Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax	Total
	Shares	Amount	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at July 1, 2007	6,376,945	\$ 124) \$ (455)	\$ 693	

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		\$	\$	\$		\$	
		72,935	146,194	(90,694)		128,797	
Comprehensive income:							
Net income			1,656			1,656	
Unrealized holding gain on securities available for sale, net of tax expense of \$432					597	597	
Total comprehensive income						2,253	
Purchase of treasury stock (1)	(188,011)			(4,096)		(4,096)	
Exercise of stock options	7,500	-	69			69	
Amortization of restricted stock		131				131	
Awards of restricted stock		(45)		45		-	
Forfeiture of restricted stock		52		(52)		-	
Stock options expense		276				276	
Tax benefit from non-qualified equity compensation		6				6	
Allocations of contribution to ESOP		756			194	950	
Cash dividends			(2,263)			(2,263)	
Balance at December 31, 2007	6,196,434	\$ 124	\$ 74,180	\$ (94,797)	\$ (261)	\$ 1,290	\$ 126,123

(1) Includes the repurchase of 930 shares of distributed restricted stock.

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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited - In Thousands)

	Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss) income	\$ (6,182)	\$ 1,656
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash (used for) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,037	1,148
Provision for loan losses	22,268	3,659
Provision for losses on real estate owned	422	463
Gain on sale of loans	(2,585)	(1,056)
Net gain on sale of investment securities	(356)	-
Net (gain) loss on sale of real estate owned	(439)	168
Stock-based compensation	722	1,282
FHLB – San Francisco stock dividend	(804)	(1,023)
Tax benefit from non-qualified equity compensation	-	(6)
Decrease in accounts payable and other liabilities	(520)	(2,876)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense and other assets	(6,063)	2,465
Loans originated for sale	(334,660)	(197,912)
Proceeds from sale of loans and net change in receivable from sale of loans	320,071	240,317
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	(7,089)	48,285
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net decrease (increase) in loans held for investment	60,763	(53,766)
Maturity and call of investment securities held to maturity	-	14,000
Maturity and call of investment securities available for sale	65	2,129
Principal payments from mortgage-backed securities	15,860	23,382
Purchase of investment securities available for sale	(8,135)	(41,172)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities available for sale	480	-
Purchase of FHLB – San Francisco stock	-	(39)
Redemption of FHLB – San Francisco stock	-	13,638
Proceeds from sale of real estate owned	17,937	3,709
Purchase of premises and equipment	(662)	(144)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	86,308	(38,263)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net (decrease) increase in deposits	(77,586)	4,287
(Repayments of) proceeds from short-term borrowings, net	(98,600)	56,630
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	115,000	20,000
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(15,021)	(85,020)
ESOP loan payment	8	52
Exercise of stock options	-	69
Tax benefit from non-qualified equity compensation	-	6
Cash dividends	(620)	(2,263)

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Treasury stock purchases	-	(4,096)
Net cash used for financing activities	(76,819)	(10,335)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,400	(313)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	15,114	12,824
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 17,514	\$ 12,511
Supplemental information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 22,380	\$ 29,250
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 2,489	\$ 100
Transfer of loans held for sale to loans held for investment	\$ 707	\$ 8,467
Real estate acquired in the settlement of loans	\$ 26,151	\$ 8,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.
NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

December 31, 2008

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements included herein reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present a fair statement of the results of operations for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The condensed consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2008 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Provident Financial Holdings, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Provident Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Bank") (collectively, the "Corporation"). Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") with respect to interim financial reporting. It is recommended that these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2008. Certain amounts in the prior periods' financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. The results of operations for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 2008 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Note 2: Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Staff Position ("FSP") 133-1 and FASB Interpretation ("FIN") 45-4: In September 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. 133-1 and FIN 45-4, "Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees: An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation No. 45; and Clarification of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 161." The FSP is intended to improve disclosures about credit derivatives by requiring more information about the potential adverse effects of changes in credit risk on the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the sellers of credit derivatives. It amends SFAS No. 133 to require disclosures by sellers of credit derivatives, including credit derivatives embedded in hybrid instruments. The FSP also amends FIN 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness to Others," to require an additional disclosure about the current status of the payment/performance risk of a guarantee. Finally, the FSP clarifies the Board's intent about the effective date of SFAS No. 161. Accordingly, the FSP clarifies that the disclosures required by SFAS No. 161 will be incorporated upon adoption of SFAS No. 161 on July 1, 2009. The adoption of this FSP did not have material impact on the Corporation's consolidated financial statements.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS" or "Statement") No. 162:

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles." The FASB believes the Generally Accepted Accounting Principal ("GAAP") hierarchy should be directed to entities because it is the entity (not its auditor) that is responsible for selecting accounting principles for financial statements that are presented in conformity with GAAP. Accordingly, the FASB concluded that the GAAP hierarchy should reside in the accounting literature established by the FASB and is issuing this Statement to achieve that result. The adoption of this Statement did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Note 3: Earnings (Loss) Per Share and Stock-Based Compensation

Earnings (Loss) Per Share:

Basic earnings per share (“EPS”) excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income or loss available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that would then share in the earnings of the entity. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, there were outstanding options to purchase 907,700 shares and 734,700 shares of the Corporation common stock, respectively, of which 907,700 shares and 597,000 shares, respectively, were excluded from the diluted EPS computation as their effect was anti-dilutive.

The following table provides the basic and diluted EPS computations for the quarters and six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

(In Thousands, Except Earnings (Loss) Per Share)	For the Quarter Ended December 31,		For the Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Numerator:				
Net (loss) income – numerator for basic (loss) earnings per share and diluted (loss) earnings per share - available to common stockholders	\$ (6,511)	\$ 1,044	\$ (6,182)	\$ 1,656
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic (loss) earnings per share:				
Weighted-average shares	6,204	6,134	6,195	6,187
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock option dilution	-	64	-	57
Restricted stock dilution	-	-	-	1
Denominator for diluted (loss) earnings per share:				
Adjusted weighted-average shares and assumed conversions	6,204	6,198	6,195	6,245
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.17	\$ (1.00)	\$ 0.27
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (1.05)	\$ 0.17	\$ (1.00)	\$ 0.27

SFAS No. 123R, “Share-Based Payment,” requires companies to recognize in the statement of operations the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees and directors. Effective July 1, 2005, the Corporation adopted SFAS No. 123R using the modified prospective method under which the provisions of SFAS No. 123R are applied to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased or cancelled after June 30, 2005 and to awards outstanding on June 30, 2005 for which requisite service has not yet been rendered.

The adoption of SFAS No. 123R resulted in incremental stock-based compensation expense and is solely related to issued and unvested stock option grants. The incremental stock-based compensation expense for the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$186,000 and \$136,000, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the incremental stock-based compensation expense was \$369,000 and \$276,000, respectively. For the

first six months of fiscal 2009 and 2008, cash provided by operating activities decreased by \$0 and \$6,000, respectively, and cash provided by financing activities increased by an identical amount, respectively, related to excess tax benefits from stock-based payment arrangements. These amounts are reflective of the tax benefit for stock options exercised and restricted stock distributions during the respective periods.

Note 4: Operating Segment Reports

The Corporation operates in two business segments: community banking through the Bank and mortgage banking through Provident Bank Mortgage (“PBM”), a division of the Bank.

The following tables set forth condensed statements of operations and total assets for the Corporation’s operating segments for the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively (in thousands).

	For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2008		
	Provident Bank	Provident Bank Mortgage	Consolidated Totals
Net interest income, before provision for loan losses	\$ 10,195	\$ 46	\$ 10,241
Provision for loan losses	15,331	1,205	16,536
Net interest expense, after provision for loan losses	(5,136)	(1,159)	(6,295)
Non-interest income:			
Loan servicing and other fees	238	28	266
Gain on sale of loans, net	4	1,390	1,394
Deposit account fees	777	-	777
Loss on sale and operations of real estate owned acquired in the settlement of loans, net	(307)	(189)	(496)
Other	381	2	383
Total non-interest income	1,093	1,231	2,324
Non-interest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits	3,276	1,249	4,525
Premises and occupancy	593	125	718
Operating and administrative expenses	1,180	816	1,996
Total non-interest expense	5,049	2,190	7,239
Loss before taxes	(9,092)	(2,118)	(11,210)
Benefit for income taxes	(3,808)	(891)	(4,699)
Net loss	\$ (5,284)	\$ (1,227)	\$ (6,511)
Total assets, end of period	\$ 1,502,099	\$ 49,049	\$ 1,551,148

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2007

	Provident Bank	Provident Bank Mortgage	Consolidated Totals
Net interest income (expense), before provision for loan losses	\$ 9,722	\$ (154)	\$ 9,568
Provision for loan losses	1,098	1,042	2,140
Net interest income (expense), after provision for loan losses	8,624	(1,196)	7,428
Non-interest income:			
Loan servicing and other fees (1)	63	450	513
Gain on sale of loans, net	10	924	934
Deposit account fees	785	-	785
Loss on sale and operations of real estate owned acquired in the settlement of loans, net	(204)	(500)	(704)
Other	419	-	419
Total non-interest income	1,073	874	1,947
Non-interest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits	3,321	1,201	4,522
Premises and occupancy	491	340	831
Operating and administrative expenses	926	1,041	1,967
Total non-interest expense	4,738	2,582	7,320
Income (loss) before taxes	4,959	(2,904)	2,055
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	2,386	(1,375)	1,011
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,573	\$ (1,529)	\$ 1,044
Total assets, end of period	\$ 1,619,102	\$ 21,389	\$ 1,640,491

(1) Includes an inter-company charge of \$352 credited to PBM by the Bank during the period to compensate PBM for originating loans held for investment.

The following tables set forth condensed statements of operations and total assets for the Corporation's operating segments for the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively (in thousands).

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008		
	Provident Bank	Provident Bank Mortgage	Consolidated Totals
Net interest income, before provision for loan losses	\$ 21,377	\$ 157	\$ 21,534
Provision for loan losses	20,209	2,059	22,268
Net interest income (expense), after provision for loan losses	1,168	(1,902)	(734)
Non-interest income:			
Loan servicing and other fees (1)	343	171	514
Gain on sale of loans, net	7	2,578	2,585
Deposit account fees	1,535	-	1,535
Gain on sale of investment securities	356	-	356
Loss on sale and operations of real estate owned acquired in the settlement of loans, net	(620)	(266)	(886)
Other	693	3	696
Total non-interest income	2,314	2,486	4,800
Non-interest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits	6,666	2,484	9,150
Premises and occupancy	1,185	249	1,434
Operating and administrative expenses	2,310	1,709	4,019
Total non-interest expense	10,161	4,442	14,603
Loss before taxes	(6,679)	(3,858)	(10,537)
Benefit for income taxes	(2,733)	(1,622)	(4,355)
Net loss	\$ (3,946)	\$ (2,236)	\$ (6,182)
Total assets, end of period	\$ 1,502,099	\$ 49,049	\$ 1,551,148

(1) Includes an inter-company charge of \$102 credited to PBM by the Bank during the period to compensate PBM for originating loans held for investment.

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2007

	Provident Bank	Provident Bank Mortgage	Consolidated Totals
Net interest income (expense), before provision for loan losses	\$ 19,106	\$ (165)	\$ 18,941
Provision for loan losses	1,772	1,887	3,659
Net interest income (expense), after provision for loan losses	17,334	(2,052)	15,282
Non-interest income:			
Loan servicing and other fees (1)	(1)	1,005	1,004
Gain on sale of loans, net	33	1,023	1,056
Deposit account fees	1,443	-	1,443
Loss on sale and operations of real estate owned acquired in the settlement of loans, net	(355)	(653)	(1,008)
Other	827	-	827
Total non-interest income	1,947	1,375	3,322
Non-interest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits	6,801	2,845	9,646
Premises and occupancy	1,041	497	1,538
Operating and administrative expenses	1,915	1,989	3,904
Total non-interest expense	9,757	5,331	15,088
Income (loss) before taxes	9,524	(6,008)	3,516
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	5,038	(3,178)	1,860
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,486	\$ (2,830)	\$ 1,656
Total assets, end of period	\$ 1,619,102	\$ 21,389	\$ 1,640,491

(1) Includes an inter-company charge of \$695 credited to PBM by the Bank during the period to compensate PBM for originating loans held for investment.

Note 5: Derivative and Other Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risks

The Corporation is a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit in the form of originating loans or providing funds under existing lines of credit, and forward loan sale agreements to third parties. These instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit and interest-rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. The Corporation's exposure to credit loss, in the event of non-performance by the counterparty to these financial instruments, is represented by the contractual amount of these instruments. The Corporation uses the same credit policies in entering into financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk as it does for on-balance sheet instruments. As of December 31, 2008 and June 30, 2008, the Corporation had commitments to extend credit (on loans to be held for investment and loans to be held for sale) of \$46.2 million and \$29.4 million, respectively. The following table provides information regarding undisbursed funds to borrowers on existing loans and lines of credit

with the Bank as well as commitments to originate loans to be held for investment.

	December 31, 2008	June 30, 2008
Commitments (In Thousands)		
Undisbursed loan funds – Construction loans	\$ 3,242	\$ 7,864
Undisbursed lines of credit – Mortgage loans	4,344	4,880
Undisbursed lines of credit – Commercial business loans	6,349	6,833
Undisbursed lines of credit – Consumer loans	1,545	1,672
Commitments to extend credit on loans to be held for investment	650	6,232
Total	\$ 16,130	\$ 27,481

In accordance with SFAS No. 133 and interpretations of the Derivatives Implementation Group of the FASB, the fair value of the commitments to extend credit on loans to be held for sale, loan sale commitments, commitments to purchase mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”), put option contracts and call option contracts are recorded at fair value on the balance sheet, and are included in other assets or other liabilities. The Corporation does not apply hedge accounting to its derivative financial instruments; therefore, all changes in fair value are recorded in earnings. The net impact of derivative financial instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations during the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were a gain of \$748,000 and a gain of \$30,000, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the net impact of derivative financial instruments on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations was a gain of \$596,000 and a loss of \$42,000, respectively.

Derivative Financial Instruments (In Thousands)	December 31, 2008		June 30, 2008		December 31, 2007	
	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value
Commitments to extend credit						
on loans to be held for sale	\$ 45,573	\$ 540	\$	\$) \$ 9,995	\$ 9,995	\$ (29)
(1)			23,191	(304		
Best-efforts loan sale commitments	(77,848)	-	(51,652)	-	(9,995)	-
Mandatory loan sale commitments	(34,712)	(248)	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ (66,987)	\$ 292	\$)	\$) \$	-	\$ (29)
			(28,461	(304		

(1) Net of 41.0 percent at December 31, 2008, 48.0 percent at June 30, 2008 and 57.0 percent at December 31, 2007 of commitments, which may not fund.

Note 6: Income Taxes

FASB Interpretation 48, “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes,” requires the affirmative evaluation that it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits of a tax position, that an enterprise is entitled to economic benefits resulting from positions taken in income tax returns. If a tax position does not meet the more-likely-than-not

recognition threshold, the benefit of that position is not recognized in the financial statements. Management has determined that there are no unrecognized tax benefits to be reported in the Corporation's financial statements, and none are anticipated during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," requires that when determining the need for a valuation allowance against a deferred tax asset, management must assess both positive and negative evidence with regard to the realizability of the tax losses represented by that asset. To the extent available sources of taxable income are insufficient to absorb tax losses, a valuation allowance is necessary. Sources of taxable income for this analysis include prior years' tax returns, the expected reversals of taxable temporary differences between book and tax income, prudent and feasible tax-planning strategies, and future taxable income. The Corporation's tax asset has increased during the first six months of fiscal 2009 due to an increase in its loan loss allowances. The deferred tax asset related to loan loss allowances will be realized

when actual charge-offs are made against the loan loss allowances. Based on the availability of loss carry-backs and projected taxable income during the periods for which loss carry-forwards are available, management believes that no valuation allowance is necessary at this time.

The Corporation files income tax returns for the United States and state of California jurisdictions. In September 2008, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) completed its examination of the Corporation’s tax returns for 2006 and 2007. Tax years subsequent to 2007 remain subject to federal examination, while the California state tax returns for years subsequent to 2004 are subject to examination by taxing authorities. It is the Corporation’s policy to record any penalties or interest arising from federal or state taxes as a component of income tax expense. There were no penalties or interest included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 2008.

Note 7: Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Corporation adopted SFAS No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements,” and SFAS No. 159, “The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities,” on July 1, 2008. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 159 permits entities to elect to measure many financial instruments and certain other assets and liabilities at fair value on an instrument-by-instrument basis (the Fair Value Option) at specified election dates. At each subsequent reporting date, an entity is required to report unrealized gains and losses on items in earnings for which the fair value option has been elected at each subsequent reporting date. The objective of the statement is to provide entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex accounting provisions. The Corporation did not elect to measure any financial instruments at fair value under SFAS No. 159. Under FSP 157-2, portions of SFAS No. 157 have been deferred until years beginning after November 15, 2008 for all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statement on a recurring basis. Therefore, the Corporation has partially adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP 157-3 – “Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for that Asset is not Active.” FSP 157-3 clarifies the application of SFAS No. 157 in a market that is not active and provides an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active.

SFAS No. 157 establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used in fair value calculations. The three levels of inputs are defined as follows:

Level- Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Corporation has the ability
1 to access at the measurement date.

Level- Observable inputs other than Level 1 such as: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
2 quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated to observable market data for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level- Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that use significant assumptions, including assumptions of
3 risks. These unobservable assumptions reflect our own estimate of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

SFAS No. 157 requires the Corporation to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. If a financial instrument uses inputs that fall in different levels of the hierarchy, the instrument will be categorized based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value calculation.

The Corporation's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis consist of investment securities and derivative financial instruments, while loans held for sale and impaired loans are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

Investment securities are primarily comprised of U.S. government sponsored enterprise debt securities, U.S. government agency mortgage-backed securities, U.S. government sponsored enterprise mortgage-backed securities and private issue collateralized mortgage obligations. The Corporation utilizes unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical securities (Level 1) for its fair value measurement of debt securities, quoted prices in active and less than active markets for similar securities (Level 2) for its fair value measurement of mortgage-backed securities and broker price indications for similar securities in non-active markets (Level 3) for its fair value measurement of collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMO”).

Derivative financial instruments are comprised of commitments to extend credit on loans to be held for sale and mandatory loan sale commitments. The fair value is determined, when possible, using quoted secondary-market prices. If no such quoted price exists, the fair value of a commitment is determined by quoted prices for a similar commitment or commitments, adjusted for the specific attributes of each commitment.

Loans held for sale are primarily single-family loans. The fair value is determined, when possible, using quoted secondary-market prices. If no such quoted price exists, the fair value of a loan is determined by quoted prices for a similar loan or loans, adjusted for the specific attributes of each loan.

Impaired loans are loans which are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the borrowers or of the collateral pledged. The impaired loans are characterized by the distinct possibility that the Bank will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected. The fair value of an impaired loan is determined based on an observable market price or current appraised value of the underlying collateral. Appraised and reported values may be discounted based on management’s historical knowledge, changes in market conditions from the time of valuation, and/or management’s expertise and knowledge of the borrower. Impaired loans are reviewed and evaluated on at least a quarterly basis for additional impairment and adjusted accordingly, based on the same factors identified above. This loss is not recorded directly as an adjustment to current earnings or comprehensive income, but rather as a component in determining the overall adequacy of the allowance for losses on loans. These adjustments to the estimated fair value of impaired loans may result in increases or decreases to the provision for losses on loans recorded in current earnings.

The Corporation’s valuation methodologies may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. While management believes the Corporation’s valuation methodologies are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Corporation’s assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2008 Using:			
(Dollars in Thousands)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment securities	\$ 5,377	\$ 137,798	\$ 1,756	\$ 144,931
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	292	292
Total	\$ 5,377	\$ 137,798	\$ 2,048	\$ 145,223

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of financial condition using Level 3 inputs:

(Dollars in Thousands)	Fair Value Measurement Using Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
	CMO	Derivative Financial Instruments	Total
Beginning balance at October 1, 2008	\$ 2,003	\$ (456)	\$ 1,547
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings (or changes in net assets)	-	456	456
Included in other comprehensive income	(176)	-	(176)
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	(71)	292	221
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Ending balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 1,756	\$ 292	\$ 2,048

(Dollars in Thousands)	Fair Value Measurement Using Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
	CMO	Derivative Financial Instruments	Total
Beginning balance at July 1, 2008	\$ 2,225	\$ (304)	\$ 1,921
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):			
Included in earnings (or changes in net assets)	-	760	760
Included in other comprehensive income	(176)	-	(176)
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	(293)	(164)	(457)
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	-	-	-
Ending balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 1,756	\$ 292	\$ 2,048

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Corporation's assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis:

(Dollars in Thousands)	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2008 Using:			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Loans held for sale	\$ -	\$ 487	\$ -	\$ 487
Impaired loans (1)	-	-	45,733	45,733
Total	\$ -	\$ 487	\$ 45,733	\$ 46,220

(1) The fair value of the impaired loans are derived from their respective collateral values.

Note 8: Subsequent Events

On January 20, 2009, the Corporation announced a cash dividend of \$0.03 per share on the Corporation's outstanding shares of common stock for shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 10, 2009, payable on March 6, 2009.

ITEM 2 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

General

Provident Financial Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, was organized in January 1996 for the purpose of becoming the holding company of Provident Savings Bank, F.S.B. upon the Bank's conversion from a

federal mutual to a federal stock savings bank (“Conversion”). The Conversion was completed on June 27, 1996. At December 31, 2008, the Corporation had total assets of \$1.55 billion, total deposits of \$934.8 million and total stockholders’ equity of \$117.9 million. The Corporation has not engaged in any significant activity other than holding the stock of the Bank. Accordingly, the information set forth in this report, including financial statements and related data, relates primarily to the Bank and its subsidiaries.

The Bank, founded in 1956, is a federally chartered stock savings bank headquartered in Riverside, California. The Bank is regulated by the Office of Thrift Supervision (“OTS”), its primary federal regulator, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), the insurer of its deposits. The Bank’s deposits are federally insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC. The Bank has been a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System since 1956.

The Bank’s business consists of community banking activities and mortgage banking activities. Community banking activities primarily consist of accepting deposits from customers within the communities surrounding the Bank’s full service offices and investing those funds in single-family loans, multi-family loans, commercial real estate loans, construction loans, commercial business loans, consumer loans and other real estate loans. The Bank also offers business checking accounts, other business banking services, and services loans for others. Mortgage banking activities consist of the origination and sale of mortgage and consumer loans secured primarily by single-family residences. The Bank currently operates 14 retail/business banking offices in Riverside County and San Bernardino County (commonly known as the Inland Empire), including the newly opened Iris Plaza office in Moreno Valley, California. Provident Bank Mortgage operates wholesale loan production offices in Pleasanton and Rancho Cucamonga, California and retail loan production offices in Glendora and Riverside, California. The Bank’s revenues are derived principally from interest on its loans and investment securities and fees generated through its community banking and mortgage banking activities. There are various risks inherent in the Bank’s business including, among others, the general business environment, interest rates, the California real estate market, the demand for loans, the prepayment of loans, the repurchase of loans previously sold to investors, competitive conditions between banks and non-bank financial services providers, legislative and regulatory changes, fraud and other risks.

The Corporation, from time to time, may repurchase its common stock. The Corporation evaluates the repurchase of its common stock when the market price of the stock is lower than its book value and/or the Corporation believes that the current market price is not commensurate with its current and future earnings potential. Consideration is also given to the Corporation’s liquidity, regulatory capital requirements and future capital needs based on the Corporation’s current business plan. The Corporation’s Board of Directors authorizes each stock repurchase program, the duration of which is typically one year. Once the stock repurchase program is authorized, management may repurchase the Corporation’s common stock from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, depending upon market conditions and the factors described above. On June 26, 2008, the Corporation announced that its Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to five percent of its outstanding common stock, or approximately 310,385 shares, over a one-year period. As a result of current economic conditions, the Corporation did not repurchase any of its shares during the quarter ended December 31, 2008. See Part II, Item 2 – “Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds” on page 49.

The Corporation began to distribute quarterly cash dividends in the quarter ended September 30, 2002. On October 30, 2008, the Corporation declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.05 per share for the Corporation’s shareholders of record at the close of business on November 21, 2008, which was paid on December 16, 2008. On January 20, 2009, the Corporation declared a cash dividend of \$0.03 per share on the Corporation’s outstanding shares of common stock for shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 10, 2009, payable on March 6, 2009. Future declarations or payments of dividends will be subject to the consideration of the Corporation’s Board of Directors, which will take into account the Corporation’s financial condition, results of operations, tax considerations, capital requirements, industry standards, legal restrictions, economic conditions and other factors, including the regulatory restrictions which affect the payment of dividends by the Bank to the Corporation. Under Delaware law, dividends may be paid either out of surplus or, if there is no surplus, out of net profits for the current fiscal year and/or the preceding fiscal year in which the dividend is declared.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is intended to assist in understanding the financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation. The

information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with the Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying selected Notes to Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Safe-Harbor Statement

This Form 10-Q contains statements that the Corporation believes are “forward-looking statements.” These statements relate to the Corporation’s financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance or business. You should not place undue reliance on these statements, as they are subject to risks and uncertainties. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind these risks and uncertainties, as well as any cautionary statements the Corporation may make. Moreover, you should treat these statements as speaking only as of the date they are made and based only on information then actually known to the Corporation. There are a number of important factors that could cause future results to differ materially from historical performance and these forward-looking statements. Factors which could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the credit risks of lending activities, including changes in the level and trend of loan delinquencies and write-offs; changes in general economic conditions, either nationally or in our market areas; changes in the levels of general interest rates, deposit interest rates, our net interest margin and funding sources; fluctuations in the demand for loans, the number of unsold homes and other properties and fluctuations in real estate values in our market areas; results of examinations of us by the Office of Thrift Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other regulatory authorities, including the possibility that any such regulatory authority may, among other things, require us to increase our reserve for loan losses or to write-down assets; our ability to control operating costs and expenses; our ability to successfully integrate any assets, liabilities, customers, systems, and management personnel we have acquired or may in the future acquire into our operations and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and cost savings within expected time frames and any goodwill charges related thereto; our ability to manage loan delinquency rates; our ability to retain key members of our senior management team; costs and effects of litigation, including settlements and judgments; increased competitive pressures among financial services companies; changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits; legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business; adverse changes in the securities markets; inability of key third-party providers to perform their obligations to us; changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the financial institution regulatory agencies or the Financial Accounting Standards Board; war or terrorist activities; other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, and technological factors affecting our operations, pricing, products and services and other risks detailed in the Corporation’s reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of the Corporation’s financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Corporation’s condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Allowance for loan losses involves significant judgment and assumptions by management, which have a material impact on the carrying value of net loans. Management considers this accounting policy to be a critical accounting policy. The allowance is based on two principles of accounting: (i) SFAS No. 5, “Accounting for Contingencies,” which requires that losses be accrued when they are probable of occurring and can be estimated; and (ii) SFAS No. 114, “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan,” and SFAS No. 118, “Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan-Income Recognition and Disclosures,” which require that losses be accrued based on the differences between

the value of collateral, present value of future cash flows or values that are observable in the secondary market and the loan balance. The allowance has two components: a formula allowance for groups of homogeneous loans and a specific valuation allowance for identified problem loans. Each of these components is based upon estimates that

can change over time. The formula allowance is based primarily on historical experience and as a result can differ from actual losses incurred in the future. The history is reviewed at least quarterly and adjustments are made as needed. Various techniques are used to arrive at specific loss estimates, including historical loss information, discounted cash flows and the fair market value of collateral. The use of these techniques is inherently subjective and the actual losses could be greater or less than the estimates.

Interest is not accrued on any loan when its contractual payments are more than 90 days delinquent or if the loan is deemed impaired. In addition, interest is not recognized on any loan where management has determined that collection is not reasonably assured. A non-accrual loan may be restored to accrual status when delinquent principal and interest payments are brought current and future monthly principal and interest payments are expected to be collected.

SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities," requires that derivatives of the Corporation be recorded in the consolidated financial statements at fair value. Management considers this accounting policy to be a critical accounting policy. The Bank's derivatives are primarily the result of its mortgage banking activities in the form of commitments to extend credit, commitments to sell loans, commitments to purchase MBS and option contracts to mitigate the risk of the commitments to extend credit. Estimates of the percentage of commitments to extend credit on loans to be held for sale that may not fund are based upon historical data and current market trends. The fair value adjustments of the derivatives are recorded in the consolidated statements of operations with offsets to other assets or other liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Management accounts for income taxes by estimating future tax effects of temporary differences between the tax and book basis of assets and liabilities considering the provisions of enacted tax laws. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included in the Corporation's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Management's judgment is required in determining the amount and timing of recognition of the resulting deferred tax assets and liabilities, including projections of future taxable income. Therefore, management considers its accounting for income taxes a critical accounting policy.

Executive Summary and Operating Strategy

Provident Savings Bank, F.S.B., established in 1956, is a financial services company committed to serving consumers and small to mid-sized businesses in the Inland Empire region of Southern California. The Bank conducts its business operations as Provident Bank, Provident Bank Mortgage, a division of the Bank, and through its subsidiary, Provident Financial Corp. The business activities of the Corporation, primarily through the Bank and its subsidiary, consist of community banking, mortgage banking, and to a lesser degree, investment services for customers and trustee services on behalf of the Bank.

Community banking operations primarily consist of accepting deposits from customers within the communities surrounding the Bank's full service offices and investing those funds in single-family, multi-family, commercial real estate, construction, commercial business, consumer and other loans. Additionally, certain fees are collected from depositors, such as returned check fees, deposit account service charges, ATM fees, IRA/KEOGH fees, safe deposit box fees, travelers check fees, and wire transfer fees, among others. The primary source of income in community banking is net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on loans and investment securities, and the interest expense paid on interest-bearing deposits and borrowed funds. During the next three years, although not immediately given the uncertain environment, the Corporation intends to improve the community banking business by moderately growing total assets; by decreasing the concentration of single-family mortgage loans within loans held for investment; and by increasing the concentration of higher yielding multi-family, commercial real estate, construction and commercial business loans (which are sometimes referred to in this report as "preferred loans"). In addition, over time, the Corporation intends to decrease the percentage of time deposits in its deposit base

and to increase the percentage of lower cost checking and savings accounts. This strategy is intended to improve core revenue through a higher net interest margin and ultimately, coupled with the growth of the Corporation, an increase in net interest income. While the Corporation's long-term strategy described moderate growth, management may determine from time to time that shrinking the balance sheet is the most prudent short-term strategy in response to deteriorating general economic conditions.

Mortgage banking operations primarily consist of the origination and sale of mortgage loans secured by single-family residences. The primary sources of income in mortgage banking are gain on sale of loans and certain fees collected from borrowers in connection with the loan origination process. The Corporation will continue to restructure its operations in response to the rapidly changing mortgage banking environment. Changes may include a different product mix, further tightening of underwriting standards, a further reduction in its operating expenses or a combination of these and other changes.

Investment services operations primarily consist of selling alternative investment products such as annuities and mutual funds to the Bank's depositors. Provident Financial Corp performs trustee services for the Bank's real estate secured loan transactions and has in the past held, and may in the future hold, real estate for investment. Investment services and trustee services contribute a very small percentage of gross revenue.

There are a number of risks associated with the business activities of the Corporation, many of which are beyond the Corporation's control, including: changes in accounting principles, changes in regulation and changes in the economy, among others. The Corporation attempts to mitigate many of these risks through prudent banking practices such as interest rate risk management, credit risk management, operational risk management, and liquidity management. The current economic environment presents heightened risk for the Corporation primarily with respect to falling real estate values and higher loan delinquencies. Declining real estate values may lead to higher loan losses since the majority of the Corporation's loans are secured by real estate located within California. Significant declines in the value of California real estate may inhibit the Corporation's ability to recover on defaulted loans by selling the underlying real estate. For further details on risk factors, see the Safe-Harbor Statement on page 17 and Item 1A – Risk Factors on page 45.

Off-Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the Corporation's contractual obligations at December 31, 2008 and the effect these obligations are expected to have on the Corporation's liquidity and cash flows in future periods (in thousands):

	Payments Due by Period				Total
	1 year or less	Over 1 year to 3 years	Over 3 years to 5 years	Over 5 years	
Operating obligations	\$ 795	\$ 930	\$ 447	\$ -	\$ 2,172
Time deposits	559,808	51,350	20,114	75	631,347
FHLB – San Francisco advances	146,127	229,954	130,918	19,268	526,267
FHLB – San Francisco letter of credit	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Total	\$ 709,230	\$ 282,234	\$ 151,479	\$ 19,343	\$ 1,162,286

The expected obligation for time deposits and FHLB – San Francisco advances include anticipated interest accruals based on the respective contractual terms.

In addition to the off-balance sheet financing arrangements and contractual obligations mentioned above, the Corporation has derivatives and other financial instruments with off-balance sheet risks as described in Note 5 of the Notes to Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements on page 11.

Comparison of Financial Condition at December 31, 2008 and June 30, 2008

Total assets decreased \$81.3 million, or five percent, to \$1.55 billion at December 31, 2008 from \$1.63 billion at June 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily attributable to a decrease in loans held for investment.

Loans held for investment decreased \$102.7 million, or eight percent, to \$1.27 billion at December 31, 2008 from \$1.37 billion at June 30, 2008. During the first six months of fiscal 2009, the Bank originated \$17.2 million of loans held for investment, of which \$7.4 million, or 43 percent, were “preferred loans”

first six months of fiscal 2009. The total cash dividend paid to the Corporation's shareholders in the first six months of fiscal 2009 was \$620,000.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Quarters and Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

The Corporation's net loss for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$6.5 million, compared to net income of \$1.0 million during the same quarter of fiscal 2008. For the six months ended December 31, 2008, the Corporation's net loss was \$6.2 million, compared to net income of \$1.7 million during the same period of fiscal 2008. The decrease for both periods was primarily a result of the increase in the provision for loan losses, partly offset by the increase in net interest income (before provision for loan losses), the increase in non-interest income and the decrease in operating expenses.

The Corporation's efficiency ratio improved to 58 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from 64 percent in the same period of fiscal 2008. For the six months ended December 31, 2008, the efficiency ratio improved to 55 percent from 68 percent in the six months ended December 31, 2007. The improvement in the efficiency ratio for both these periods was a result of the increase in net interest income (before provision for loan losses), the increase in non-interest income and the decrease in non-interest expenses.

Return on average assets for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 decreased 193 basis points to (1.67) percent from 0.26 percent in the same period last year. For the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, the return on average assets was (0.78) percent and 0.21 percent, respectively, a decrease of 99 basis points.

Return on average equity for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 decreased to (21.44) percent from 3.30 percent for the same period last year. For the six months ended December 31, 2008, the return on average equity decreased to (10.07) percent from 2.60 percent for the same period last year.

Diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 were \$(1.05), compared to \$0.17 for the quarter ended December 31, 2007. For the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, diluted earnings per share were \$(1.00) and \$0.27, respectively.

Net Interest Income:

For the Quarters Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. The Corporation's net interest income (before the provision for loan losses) increased by \$673,000, or seven percent, to \$10.2 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$9.6 million in the comparable period in fiscal 2008. This increase was the result of a higher net interest margin, partly offset by lower average earning assets. The net interest margin increased to 2.70 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, up 28 basis points from 2.42 percent for the same period of fiscal 2008. The increase in the net interest margin during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to a decrease in the average cost of funds which declined more than the average yield on earning assets. The average balance of earning assets decreased \$66.3 million to \$1.52 billion in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$1.58 billion in the comparable period of fiscal 2008.

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Net interest income (before the provision for loan losses) for the first six months of fiscal 2009 was \$21.5 million, up \$2.6 million or 14 percent from \$18.9 million during the same period of fiscal 2008. This increase was the result of a higher net interest margin, partly offset by lower average earning assets. The net interest margin increased to 2.79 percent in the first six months of fiscal 2009, up 38 basis points from 2.41 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008. The increase in the net interest margin during the first six months of fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to a decrease in the average cost of funds which decreased more than the average yield on earning assets, which remained relatively stable, coupled with the lower average balance of interest earning assets. The average balance of earning assets decreased \$28.7 million, or two percent, to \$1.54 billion in the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$1.57 billion in the comparable period of fiscal 2008.

Interest Income:

For the Quarters Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Total interest income decreased by \$2.7 million, or 11 percent, to \$21.3 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$24.0 million in the same quarter of fiscal 2008. This decrease was primarily the result of a lower average earning asset yield and a lower

average balance of earning assets. The average yield on earning assets during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 was 5.62 percent, 45 basis points lower than the average yield of 6.07 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008.

Loans receivable interest income decreased \$2.1 million, or 10 percent, to \$19.6 million in the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$21.7 million for the same quarter of fiscal 2008. This decrease was attributable to a lower average loan yield and a lower average loan balance. The average loan yield during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 decreased 28 basis points to 5.93 percent from 6.21 percent during the same quarter last year. The decrease in the average loan yield was primarily attributable to accrued interest reversals from newly classified non-accrual loans and loan payoffs which carried a higher average yield than the average yield of loans receivable. The average balance of loans outstanding, including loans held for sale, decreased \$72.6 million, or five percent, to \$1.33 billion during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$1.40 billion in the same quarter of fiscal 2008.

Interest income from investment securities decreased \$98,000, or five percent, to \$1.8 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$1.9 million in the same quarter of fiscal 2008. The decrease was primarily a result of a decrease in average yield and a decrease in the average balance. The average yield on investment securities decreased 12 basis points to 4.83 percent during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 4.95 percent during the quarter ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in the average yield of investment securities was primarily attributable to the net premium amortization of \$24,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 as compared to the net discount amortization of \$4,000 in the comparable quarter of fiscal 2008. During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, the Bank did not purchase any investment securities, while \$7.5 million of principal payments were received on mortgage-backed securities. The average balance of investment securities decreased \$4.5 million, or three percent, to \$149.3 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$153.8 million in the same quarter of fiscal 2008.

FHLB – San Francisco stock dividends were \$(125,000) in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, down from \$432,000 in the same period of fiscal 2008. The decline was primarily attributable to the FHLB announcement that they will not pay a dividend for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 and an accrual adjustment resulting from a lower actual dividend received in November 2008 than accrued for the relevant period.

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Total interest income decreased by \$3.5 million, or seven percent, to \$44.3 million for the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$47.8 million in the same period of fiscal 2008. This decrease was primarily the result of a lower average balance of earning assets and a lower average earning asset yield. The average yield on earning assets during the first six months of fiscal 2009 was 5.75 percent, 33 basis points lower than the average yield of 6.08 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008.

Loans receivable interest income decreased \$2.9 million, or seven percent, to \$40.3 million in the six months ended December 31, 2008 from \$43.2 million for the same period of fiscal 2008. This decrease was attributable to a lower average loan balance and a lower average loan yield. The average balance of loans outstanding, including the receivable from sale of loans and loans held for sale, decreased \$36.0 million, or three percent, to \$1.35 billion during the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$1.39 billion during the same period of fiscal 2008. The average loan yield during the first six months of fiscal 2009 decreased 26 basis points to 5.97 percent from 6.23 percent during the same period last year. The decrease in the average loan yield was primarily attributable to accrued interest reversals from newly classified non-accrual loans and loan payoffs which carried a higher average yield than the average yield of loans receivable.

Interest income from investment securities increased \$63,000 to \$3.7 million during the six months ended December 31, 2008 from \$3.6 million in the same period of fiscal 2008. This increase was primarily a result of an increase in average yield and an increase in the average balance. The average yield on the investment securities increased seven basis points to 4.88 percent during the six months ended December 31, 2008 from 4.81 percent during the six months ended December 31, 2007. The average balance of investment securities increased \$418,000, or less than one percent, to \$152.0 million in the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$151.6 million in the same period of fiscal 2008. During the first six months of fiscal 2009, \$8.1 million of investment securities were purchased, while \$15.9 million of

principal payments were received on mortgage-backed securities.

FHLB – San Francisco stock dividends decreased by \$577,000, or 64 percent, to \$324,000 in the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$901,000 in the same period of fiscal 2008. This decrease was attributable to a lower average yield and a lower average balance in the amount of FHLB – San Francisco stock. The average yield on FHLB – San Francisco stock decreased 348 basis points to 1.99 percent during the first six months of fiscal 2009 from 5.47 percent during the same period last year. The decrease in the average yield was primarily attributable to the FHLB – San Francisco announcement on January 8, 2009 that they would not pay a dividend for the quarter ended December 31, 2008. The average balance of FHLB – San Francisco stock decreased \$378,000 to \$32.6 million during the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$33.0 million during the same period of fiscal 2008. The average balance of FHLB – San Francisco stock was consistent with the borrowing requirements of the FHLB – San Francisco.

Interest Expense:

For the Quarters Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Total interest expense for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$11.1 million as compared to \$14.5 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of \$3.4 million, or 23 percent. This decrease was primarily attributable to a lower average cost of interest-bearing liabilities and a lower average balance. The average cost of interest-bearing liabilities was 3.12 percent during the quarter ended December 31, 2008, down 78 basis points from 3.90 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008. The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities, principally deposits and borrowings, decreased \$59.9 million, or four percent, to \$1.41 billion during the second quarter of fiscal 2009 from \$1.47 billion during the same period of fiscal 2008.

Interest expense on deposits for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 was \$6.3 million as compared to \$9.2 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of \$2.9 million, or 32 percent. The decrease in interest expense on deposits was primarily attributable to a lower average cost and a lower average balance. The average cost of deposits decreased to 2.66 percent during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 3.62 percent during the same quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 96 basis points. The decrease in the average cost of deposits was attributable primarily to new time deposits with a lower average cost, replacing maturing time deposits with a higher average cost, consistent with declining short-term interest rates. The average balance of deposits decreased \$70.8 million, or seven percent, to \$937.5 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$1.01 billion during the same period of fiscal 2008. The decline in the average balance was primarily in time deposits, the result of the Bank's strategic decision to compete less aggressively for this product. The average balance of transaction account deposits to total deposits in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 was unchanged at 34 percent, compared to the same period of fiscal 2008.

Interest expense on borrowings, consisting primarily of FHLB – San Francisco advances, for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 decreased \$463,000, or nine percent, to \$4.8 million from \$5.3 million for the same period of fiscal 2008. The decrease in interest expense on borrowings was primarily a result of a lower average cost, partly offset by a higher average balance. The average cost of borrowings decreased to 4.02 percent for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from 4.50 percent in the same quarter of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 48 basis points. The decrease in the average cost of borrowings was primarily the result of maturing long-term advances which had a higher average cost than the average cost of new advances. Additionally, short-term advance interest rates have fallen as a result of U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Board actions. The average balance of borrowings increased \$10.9 million, or two percent, to \$476.4 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2008 from \$465.5 million during the same period of fiscal 2008.

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. Total interest expense was \$22.8 million for the first six months of fiscal 2009 as compared to \$28.8 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of \$6.0 million, or 21 percent. This decrease was primarily attributable to a lower average balance of interest-bearing liabilities and a decrease in the average cost. The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities, principally deposits and borrowings, decreased \$25.3 million, or two percent, to \$1.44 billion during the first six months of fiscal 2009 from \$1.46 billion during the same period of fiscal 2008. The average cost of interest-bearing liabilities was 3.16 percent during the six months ended December 31, 2008, down 75 basis points from 3.91 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008.

Interest expense on deposits for the six months ended December 31, 2008 was \$13.3 million as compared to \$18.5 million for the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of \$5.2 million, or 28 percent. The decrease in interest expense on deposits was primarily attributable to a lower average cost and a lower average balance. The average cost of deposits decreased to 2.76 percent during the six months ended December 31, 2008 from 3.64 percent during the same period of fiscal 2008, a decrease of 88 basis points. The decline in the average balance was primarily in time deposits, the result of the Bank's strategic decision to compete less aggressively for this product. The average balance of deposits decreased \$47.9 million, or five percent, to \$959.2 million during the six months ended December 31, 2008 from \$1.01 billion during the same period of fiscal 2008. The average balance of transaction accounts decreased by \$15.4 million, or four percent, to \$329.7 million in the six months ended December 31, 2008 from \$345.1 million in the six months ended December 31, 2007. The average balance of time deposits decreased by \$32.4 million, or five percent, to \$629.6 million in the six months ended December 31, 2008 as compared to \$662.0 million in the six months ended December 31, 2007. The average balance of transaction account deposits to total deposits in the first six months of fiscal 2009 was unchanged at 34 percent, compared to the same period of fiscal 2008.

Interest expense on borrowings, consisting primarily of FHLB – San Francisco advances, for the six months ended December 31, 2008 decreased \$862,000, or eight percent, to \$9.5 million from \$10.4 million for the same period of fiscal 2008. The decrease in interest expense on borrowings was primarily a result of a lower average cost, partly offset by a higher average balance. The average cost of borrowings decreased to 3.96 percent for the six months ended December 31, 2008 from 4.52 percent in the same period ended December 31, 2007, a decrease of 56 basis points. The decrease in the average cost of borrowings was primarily the result of maturing long-term advances which had a higher average cost than the average cost of new advances. Additionally, short-term advance interest rates have fallen as a result of U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Board actions. The average balance of borrowings increased \$22.5 million, or five percent, to \$477.6 million during the six months ended December 31, 2008 from \$455.1 million during the same period of fiscal 2008.

The following table depicts the average balance sheets for the quarters and six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively:

Average Balance Sheets
(Dollars in thousands)

	Quarter Ended December 31, 2008			Quarter Ended December 31, 2007		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans receivable, net (1)	\$ 1,325,675	\$ 19,648	5.93%	\$ 1,398,321	\$ 21,700	6.21%
Investment securities	149,314	1,804	4.83%	153,816	1,902	4.95%
FHLB – San Francisco stock	32,769	(125)	(1.53)%	30,986	432	5.58%
Interest-earning deposits	9,595	9	0.38%	532	5	3.76%
Total interest-earning assets	1,517,353	21,336	5.62%	1,583,655	24,039	6.07%
Non interest-earning assets	38,676			38,159		
Total assets	\$ 1,556,029			\$ 1,621,814		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Checking and money market accounts (2)	\$ 184,196	302	0.65%	\$ 195,760	499	1.01%
Savings accounts	135,785	535	1.57%	147,225	804	2.17%
Time deposits	617,554	5,441	3.51%	665,333	7,888	4.70%
Total deposits	937,535	6,278	2.66%	1,008,318	9,191	3.62%
Borrowings	476,376	4,817	4.02%	465,452	5,280	4.50%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,413,911	11,095	3.12%	1,473,770	14,471	3.90%
Non interest-bearing liabilities	20,635			21,626		
Total liabilities	1,434,546			1,495,396		
Stockholders' equity	121,483			126,418		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,556,029			\$ 1,621,814		

Net interest income	\$ 10,241	\$ 9,568
Interest rate spread (3)	2.50%	2.17%
Net interest margin (4)	2.70%	2.42%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	107.32%	107.46%
(Loss) return on average assets	(1.67)%	0.26%
(Loss) return on average equity	(21.44)%	3.30%

- (1) Includes the receivable from sale of loans, loans held for sale and non-accrual loans, as well as net deferred loan cost amortization of \$167 and \$210 for the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (2) Includes the average balance of non interest-bearing checking accounts of \$40.1 million and \$42.9 million during the quarters ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (3) Represents the difference between the weighted-average yield on all interest-earning assets and the weighted-average rate on all interest-bearing liabilities.
- (4) Represents net interest income before provision for loan losses as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

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	Six Months Ended December 31, 2008			Six Months Ended December 31, 2007		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/ Cost
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans receivable, net (1)	\$ 1,350,464	\$ 40,306	5.97%	\$ 1,386,524	\$ 43,214	6.23%
Investment securities	152,036	3,709	4.88%	151,618	3,646	4.81%
FHLB – San Francisco stock	32,573	324	1.99%	32,951	901	5.47%
Interest-earning deposits	7,898	10	0.25%	639	14	4.38%
Total interest-earning assets	1,542,971	44,349	5.75%	1,571,732	47,775	6.08%
Non interest-earning assets	37,286			37,441		
Total assets	\$ 1,580,257			\$ 1,609,173		
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Checking and money market accounts (2)	\$ 191,250	632	0.66%	\$ 196,851	924	0.93%
Savings accounts	138,441	1,104	1.59%	148,232	1,591	2.13%
Time deposits	629,558	11,568	3.65%	662,049	15,946	4.78%
Total deposits	959,249	13,304	2.76%	1,007,132	18,461	3.64%
Borrowings	477,642	9,511	3.96%	455,075	10,373	4.52%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,436,891	22,815	3.16%	1,462,207	28,834	3.91%
Non interest-bearing liabilities	20,575			19,555		
Total liabilities	1,457,466			1,481,762		
Stockholders' equity	122,791			127,411		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,580,257			\$ 1,609,173		
Net interest income		\$ 21,534			\$ 18,941	
Interest rate spread (3)			2.59%			2.17%

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Net interest margin (4)	2.79%	2.41%
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	107.38%	107.49%
(Loss) return on average assets	(0.78)%	0.21%
(Loss) return on average equity	(10.07)%	2.60%

- (1) Includes the receivable from sale of loans, loans held for sale and non-accrual loans, as well as net deferred loan cost amortization of \$288 and \$390 for the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (2) Includes the average balance of non interest-bearing checking accounts of \$42.6 million and \$42.7 million during the six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (3) Represents the difference between the weighted-average yield on all interest-earning assets and the weighted-average rate on all interest-bearing liabilities.
- (4) Represents net interest income before provision for loan losses as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

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The following table provides the rate/volume variances for the quarters and six months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively:

Rate/Volume Variance
(In Thousands)

	Quarter Ended December 31, 2008 Compared To Quarter Ended December 31, 2007			
	Increase (Decrease) Due to			
	Rate	Volume	Rate/ Volume	Net
Interest-earning assets:				
Loans receivable (1)	\$ (975)	\$ (1,128)	\$ 51	\$ (2,052)
Investment securities	(43)	(56)	1	(98)
FHLB – San Francisco stock	(550)	25	(32)	(557)
Interest-bearing deposits	(4)	85	(77)	4
Total net change in income on interest-earning assets	(1,572)	(1,074)	(57)	(2,703)
Interest-bearing liabilities:				
Checking and money market accounts	(178)	(29)	10	(197)
Savings accounts	(223)	(63)	17	(269)
Time deposits	(2,024)	(566)	143	(2,447)
Borrowings	(574)	124	(13)	(463)
Total net change in expense on interest-bearing liabilities	(2,999)	(534)	157	(3,376)
Net increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$ 1,427	\$ (540)	\$ (214)	\$ 673

- (1) Includes the receivable from sale of loans, loans held for sale and non-accrual loans. For purposes of calculating volume, rate and rate/volume variances, non-accrual loans were included in the weighted-average balance outstanding.

	Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 Compared To Six Months Ended December 31, 2007			
	Increase (Decrease) Due to			
	Rate	Volume	Rate/ Volume	Net
Interest-earning assets:				
Loans receivable (1)	\$ (1,832)	\$ (1,123)	\$ 47	\$ (2,908)
Investment securities	53	10	-	63
FHLB – San Francisco stock	(574)	(10)	7	(577)
Interest-bearing deposits	(13)	159	(150)	(4)
Total net change in income on interest-earning assets	(2,366)	(964)	(96)	(3,426)
Interest-bearing liabilities:				

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Checking and money market accounts	(274)	(26)	8	(292)
Savings accounts	(409)	(105)	27	(487)
Time deposits	(3,780)	(783)	185	(4,378)
Borrowings	(1,312)	514	(64)	(862)
Total net change in expense on interest-bearing liabilities	(5,775)	(400)	156	(6,019)
Net increase (decrease) in net interest income	\$ 3,409	\$ (564)	\$ (252)	\$ 2,593

- (1) Includes the receivable from sale of loans, loans held for sale and non-accrual loans. For purposes of calculating volume, rate and rate/volume variances, non-accrual loans were included in the weighted-average balance outstanding.

Provision for Loan Losses:

For the Quarters Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. During the second quarter of fiscal 2009, the Corporation recorded a provision for loan losses of \$16.5 million, compared to a loan loss provision of \$2.1 million during the same period of fiscal 2008. The loan loss provision in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to loan classification downgrades (\$11.4 million) and an increase in the general loan loss provision for loans held for investment (\$5.9 million), partly offset by a decrease in loans held for investment (\$805,000). The general loan loss allowance was augmented to reflect the impact on loans held for investment resulting from the deteriorating general economic conditions of the U.S. economy such as the higher unemployment rates, negative gross domestic product indicators and lower retail sales. See related discussion on asset quality on page 32.

For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. The Corporation recorded a loan loss provision of \$22.3 million for the first six months of fiscal 2009, compared to a loan loss provision of \$3.7 million during the same period of fiscal 2008. The loan loss provision in the first six months of fiscal 2009 was primarily attributable to loan classification downgrades (\$17.5 million) and an increase in the general loan loss provision for loans held for investment (\$5.9 million), partly offset by a decrease in loans held for investment (\$1.1 million).

At December 31, 2008, the allowance for loan losses was \$35.0 million, comprised of \$17.0 million of general loan loss reserves and \$18.0 million of specific loan loss reserves, in comparison to the allowance for loan losses of \$19.9 million at June 30, 2008, comprised of \$13.4 million of general loan loss reserves and \$6.5 million of specific loan loss reserves. The allowance for loan losses as a percentage of gross loans held for investment was 2.69 percent at December 31, 2008 compared to 1.43 percent at June 30, 2008. Management considers the allowance for loan losses sufficient to absorb potential losses inherent in loans held for investment.

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level sufficient to provide for estimated losses based on evaluating known and inherent risks in the loans held for investment and upon management's continuing analysis of the factors underlying the quality of the loans held for investment. These factors include changes in the size and composition of the loans held for investment, actual loan loss experience, current economic conditions, detailed analysis of individual loans for which full collectibility may not be assured, and determination of the realizable value of the collateral securing the loans. Provisions for loan losses are charged against operations on a monthly basis, as necessary, to maintain the allowance at appropriate levels. Management believes that the amount maintained in the allowance will be adequate to absorb losses inherent in the loans held for investment. Although management believes it uses the best information available to make such determinations, there can be no assurance that regulators, in reviewing the Bank's loans held for investment, will not request that the Bank significantly increase its allowance for loan losses. Future adjustments to the allowance for loan losses may be necessary and results of operations could be significantly and adversely affected as a result of economic, operating, regulatory, and other conditions beyond the control of the Bank.

The following table is provided to disclose additional details on the Corporation's allowance for loan losses:

(Dollars in Thousands)	For the Quarter Ended December 31,		For the Six Months Ended December 31,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Allowance at beginning of period	\$ 22,519	\$ 15,599	\$ 19,898	\$ 14,845
Provision for loan losses	16,536	2,140	22,268	3,659
Recoveries:				
Mortgage loans:				
Single-family	111	-	111	-
Construction	50	-	50	-
Consumer loans	-	1		